Question for written answer P-001335/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Javier Couso Permuy (GUE/NGL) and Marina Albiol Guzmán (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Protecting people affected by hepatitis C in Spain

The Platform for People affected by Hepatitis C complains that the Spanish Government is failing to provide proper care for thousands of people suffering from this disease, with the result that their lives are in jeopardy, since it is not providing sufficient access to the latest generation of drugs developed to treat the disease, authorised by the European Medicines Agency in 2014.

Experts report that the latest drugs have a cure rate of over 90%. Nevertheless, only a small number of patients have been given access to them.

- 1. Is the Commission aware of this situation?
- 2. Does the Commission have a specific strategy to combat hepatitis C, including the purchase of the new drugs?

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